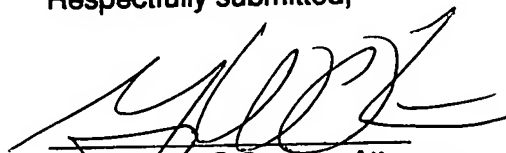


Discussion:

The listing of claims has been amended so that it now includes the text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims. For this reason, we therefore respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory W. O'Connor', written over a horizontal line.

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